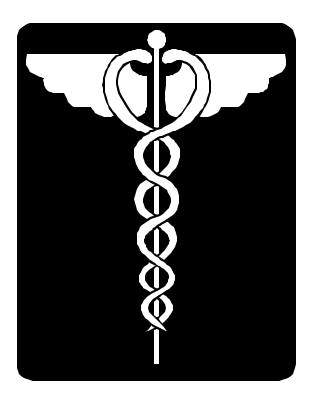
# 2001 Statewide Medical & Health Disaster Exercise

# **Auxiliary Communications Systems EXERCISE GUIDEBOOK**

State of California
Emergency Medical Services Authority



**NOVEMBER 15, 2001** 



# **Executive Summary**

Dear ACS Exercise Participant,

Welcome to the 2001 Statewide Medical and Health Disaster Guidebook! This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual medical and disaster exercise in the State of California, and this year we are expanding the participants to incorporate hospitals and other healthcare providers (including long term care facilities and clinics), prehospital care providers, blood banks, local and regional government agencies and the Auxiliary Communications System staff.

The Exercise Planning Committee created the scenario and elements of this exercise with an event that could occur in any community across the State. In addition, the scenario involves contaminated patients requiring decontamination to reinforce the learning principles from the 2000 exercise.

The Operational Area (County) Exercise Contact is the point of contact for planning, questions and education for the exercise. Please see page 17 of this guidebook for the listing of Exercise Contacts.

This guidebook is provided to the ACS and amateur radio operators to assist in standardizing radio (ACS) information flow from the operational area to the region and region to the State during a disaster or in the event of communication failure. The forms included in this guidebook are not intended to replace forms or information that each operational area requires.

### **Important Timelines and Deadlines**

October 19, 2001	Deadline to fax ACS Intent to Participate Form (page 9) to the Operational Area (County) Medical/Health Exercise Contact (see list of contacts on page 17).
November 15, 2001	Exercise begins at 0700 am with event occurring at 0800 am.
	During the exercise, status reports will be radioed to the Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC) beginning at 1100 am.
November 30, 2001	Deadline to complete and mail the Master Answer Sheet (page 10) to the California EMS Authority (see address on form) to receive a participation certificate.

Thank you for your commitment to disaster medical planning and preparedness.

We look forward to hearing about your successful exercise!



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### **EXERCISE OBJECTIVES**

# **Hospital Objectives**

Objective I: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (b) and EC 2.9.1)

Implement the facility's emergency preparedness response plan using a recognized incident command system (preferably HEICS).

Objective II: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (c, d)

Assess the status of your facility and communicate that status to appropriate governmental agencies including the operational area.

Objective III: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (n)

Assess the ability to respond to a hazardous materials incident, including victim decontamination.

Objective IV: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (c, d, m)

Assess back up systems or techniques for addressing loss of primary communication systems. Implement alternate communication systems to contact public/private medical and health officials, including local government, "sister" and other supportive area healthcare facilities or hospitals.

Objective V: (JCAHO EC 1.4 (h, i, j)

Assess the response capability of managing a large influx of patients and facility overcrowding.

# Objective VI:

Assess the ability of your facility to shelter-in-place as a response strategy to an external hazardous materials threat.

Other Healthcare Facility Objectives (Includes SNF, LTC, psychiatric and clinic facilities)

### Objective I:

Implement the facility's emergency preparedness response plan preferably using a recognized incident command-based system.

# Objective II:

Assess the status of your facility and communicate that status to appropriate governmental agencies including the operational area.

### Objective III:

Assess the ability of your facility to shelter-in-place.

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# **Ambulance Objectives**

### Objective I:

Implement the provider's emergency preparedness response plan using a recognized incident command system.

## Objective II:

Assess the status of your facility/agency and communicate that status to appropriate governmental agencies including the operational area.

### Objective III:

Assess the provider's response to a hazardous materials incident.

# Objective IV:

Utilize alternative communication systems to reach local government medical & health contacts including dispatch and local area hospitals.

### Objective V:

Assess back-up systems or techniques to handle potential problems associated with at least one system critical to the operation of the service, i.e. alternate routing, equipment failure, flat tires, access to fuel, loss of power, etc.

# Objective VI:

Assess the ability to manage transport of a large number of victims and coordinate with healthcare facilities and local medical/health contacts.

# **Amateur Radio Objectives**

# Objective I: (Pre-Exercise)

Identify agencies with auxiliary communications radios and ascertain the location of the operators and frequencies utilized.

# Objective II: (Pre-Exercise)

Coordinate with local amateur radio operators on use of frequencies, protocols and forms used during an exercise/actual event.

# Objective III: (Exercise)

Test regional/statewide network voice systems and redundant communications in coordination with local amateur radio operators, using established frequencies, protocols, and data collection/reporting forms.

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# **Blood Bank Objectives**

# Objective I:

Activate multiple communication systems within the California Blood Bank Society (CBBS) network to communicate blood bank status and blood inventories to the CBBS EOC.

# Objective II:

The CBBS EOC will communicate blood bank(s) status and blood inventory to the JEOC using multiple communication systems (fax, radio, telephone).

# **Operational Area (Exercise Contact Objectives)**

# Objective I:

Assess the operational area's ability to collect timely, accurate and appropriate data from participants.

# Objective II:

Demonstrate the ability to access and transmit RIMS information to region and state medical and health authorities.

# Objective III:

Evaluate RIMS system use, appropriateness, accuracy and for actual medical and health response and recovery actions.



### **EXERCISE SCENARIO**

Thursday, November 15, 2001

### **Scenario Simulation Time Line**

- 7:00 The local newspaper and television station receive an anonymous call warning of a possible terrorist event. The caller states that due to recent decisions and events in the community, there would be a retaliatory attack in the near future. The caller does not give any more details. Local law enforcement and FBI are notified of the call.
- 8:00 A deranged person drives an 18-wheel tanker truck with a hazardous chemical into a large public gathering (such as a shopping mall, convention center, sporting event) in the area. This is possibly related to the terrorist call. There is a subsequent large explosion as the truck catches fire and the contents of the truck spill.
- **8:10** 9-1-1 receives many calls reporting the incident. EMS is called to respond to a large number of people fleeing the scene. Reports state that a plume has formed and is traveling downwind from the area heading toward a heavily populated area.
- 8:15 The chemical overcomes the first responders on scene. Many victims are dead at the scene. EMS, Fire and Law enforcement respond and set up a perimeter, isolating the site.
- 8:25 News reporters and helicopters surround the area. The hospitals and EMS personnel are watching the news for details of the incident. Hospitals and healthcare providers activate Emergency Preparedness Plans.
- 8:30 Many injuries are reported by EMS. Injuries include chemical exposures, burns, trauma, chemical contamination and hysterical (worried well) victims. Your facility or area, monitoring the news on television and radio, realizes that a plume may be moving in your direction. Your facility or area has been advised to "shelter-in-place" due to the plume drifting toward you. There are also many schools and long-term care facilities in the path of the plume.

The Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (OAEOC) activates. Messages go out to all cities, county departments, special districts, and Regional OES (REOCs) advising of the OA EOC's activation. City and county departments are asked to submit status reports ASAP via RIMS.

### Exercise Scenario November 15, 2001

- 8:30 Your command/management group assesses that the plume is moving rapidly toward the facility/area and that evacuation is not possible. The decision is made to shelter-in-place and orders go out to facility managers to begin the process.
- 8:35 Public Health announcements via the public alert system go out to residents advising them to stay indoors, turn off any heat/air conditioning or ventilation systems.
- 9:00 Victims begin to arrive at the hospital by self-referral. EMS has been notified to divert patients to facilities outside of the plume area. The worried well also arrive demanding to be protected from the chemical. Some victims require decontamination while others require medical treatment. Note: your facility is shut down in "shelter-in-place" status. What will you do with the arriving patients?
- 9:15 The plume has traveled one mile from the area and is now dissipating. Fire officials and hazardous materials response teams have identified the chemical in the truck as Anhydrous Ammonia. The emergency responders, hospitals and the public are notified. Reminder to exercise controller, identification of the chemical should not be revealed to participants until this point in the exercise.
- **9:30** Phone lines are jammed with many people attempting calls. The phone system fails and there is an unknown time to re-establish service. Auxiliary Communications Systems are employed in the area.
- 9:45 The Regional Emergency Operations Center, the Joint Emergency Operations Center and the State Operations Center are now open and receiving requests for assistance in the local area.
- **10:00** The plume has completely dissipated and public alert announcements relay that it is now safe to go outside. The "all clear" is sounded and the need to shelter-in-place is discontinued.
  - The media arrive at your agency/facility demanding to interview patients and staff.
- **10:30** Phone service has been re-established in the area.
- **11:00** All facilities, agencies and providers report status to the Operational Area.
- 11:30 The Regional Emergency Operations Center begins to receive reports from the operational area and relays the information and resource requests to the Joint Emergency Operations Center and the State Operations Center.
- 12:00 Exercise ends.



# INTENT TO PARTICIPATE For Amateur Radio, CARES, and RACES Providers

This form must be faxed to the Operational Area (County) Medical/Health Exercise Contact by FRIDAY, October 19, 2001. (See PAGE 17 for listing)

Name of Amateur Radio Association:			
Amateur Radio Exercise Contac	ct:		
County/Area/Facility Served:			
Address:			
City:			Zip:
Telephone #:		FAX:	
Email:			
Call Sign:			
Frequencies:			
Please check appropriate box for Statewide Exercise, November	or your amate 15.	ur radio asso	ciation/agency participation in the
	<i>≰a</i> Will par	ticipate	
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Please fax this form to the Operational Area (County) Medical/Health Exercise Contact (see page 38 in the Exercise Guidebook) by **Friday, October 19, 2001**.



# ACS, Amateur Radio, CARES and RACES MASTER ANSWER SHEET

Complete this **Master Answer Sheet** for responses to the ACS, Amateur Radio, CARES and RACES Exercise Evaluation Form and mail only this page to the address below.

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Please write comments, suggestions or thoughts about the exercise on reverse side of this answer sheet, attach additional pages as needed. We appreciate your comments!

Mail completed answer sheet by NOVEMBER 30, 2001 to: California Emergency Medical Services Authority 1930 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Disaster Exercise



# ACS, AMATEUR RADIO, CARES and RACES **EXERCISE EVALUATION FORM**

This form is to be completed by each participating radio provider.

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your r	esponse Authority	te attached <b>Master Answer Sheet</b> (page 10) for Amateur Radio when records. Be sure to complete every question before submitting the answer sheet y. Certificates for Participation will be provided only upon receipt of the 2001 icipation Evaluation Master Answer Sheet.
1.		the single best answer that describes which OES Mutual Aid Region your ization is in (Listed on page 23).  Region I  Region II  Region IVI  Region V  Region VI  Don't Know
2.	Please A. B. C. D.	e circle the <u>single best answer</u> that describes your organization. Amateur Radio Volunteer CARES RACES Other: (specify)
3.	Did yo A. B. C.	ou activate your disaster plan during the exercise? Yes No Don't know
4.	Does A. B. C.	your disaster plan utilize the Incident Command System (ICS)? Yes No Don't know what ICS is.
5.		ou educate the hospitals and operators in your area about the frequencies, ration packet and protocols pre-exercise? Yes No Don't know
6.		ou coordinate, pre-exercise, with local amateur radio operators on encies and protocols to use during the November 15 exercise?  Yes  No  Don't know

# ACS, AMATEUR RADIO, CARES AND RACES EXERCISE EVALUATION FORM

- 7. Did you transmit the hospital information?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't know
- 8. Was the transmitted data received and accepted?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't know
- 9. Did you activate the regional/statewide network voice systems during the exercise?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't know
- 10. Were frequencies and channels open and available for transmission during the exercise?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't Know
- 11. How would you evaluate your organization's response to the event and initiation of the disaster plan?
  - A. Excellent, no changes needed in the disaster plan
  - B. Good, minor changes in the system/disaster plan identified
  - C. Fair, moderate changes needed in the system/disaster plan identified
  - D. Needs improvement, substantial disaster plan review and changes identified
- 12. In general, were you satisfied with the November 15 Statewide exercise?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Don't know
  - D. N/A
- 13. Additional Comments and Recommendations?

Please write additional comments on the back of the Master Answer sheet and attach additional pages as needed. We appreciate your feedback!

Thank you for your participation with this survey.

# Please mail the COMPLETED MASTER ANSWER SHEET to:

California Emergency Medical Services Authority 1930 9<sup>th</sup> Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Disaster Exercise



Anhydrous Ammonia	A chemical liquid that vaporizes. Vapors are extremely irritating and corrosive and may be fatal if inhaled. Contact with gas or liquefied gas may cause burns, severe injury and/or frostbite. Fire will produce irritating, corrosive and/or toxic gases. Runoff from fire control may cause pollution.  For more information see Department of Transportation, 2000 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG 000), Guide 125, Page 215, ID Number 1005 or other resources.
Auxiliary Communications Services (ACS)	The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) is an emergency communications unit that provides State and local government with a variety of professional unpaid [volunteer] skills, including administrative, technical and operational for emergency tactical, administrative and logistical communications; such as with its agencies, cities within the Operational Area, neighboring governments, and the State OES Region. Its basic mission is the emergency support of civil defense, disaster response, and recovery with telecommunications resources and personnel.
California Amateur	CARES is specifically tasked to provide amateur radio
Radio Emergency	communications support for the medical and health disaster
Services (CARES)	response to state government.
Communications Exercise	The communications exercise is designed to test and evaluate communication systems including lines and methods of communicating during a disaster. Alternative communication systems can also be tested, including amateur radio, cell, and satellite systems, among others.
Decontamination	Hazardous materials: Decontamination consists of removing contaminants or changing their chemical nature to innocuous substances.  Radioactive materials: The reduction or removal of radioactive material from a structure, area, person or object. A surface may be treated, washed down or swept to remove the contamination. Isolating the area or object contaminated, and letting the material stand can also control contamination.

	A condition of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons
	and property caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire,
Emergency	flood, hazardous material incident, storm, epidemic, riot, drought,
	sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestations
	or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic
	prediction, or an earthquake or other conditions, other than
	conditions resulting from a labor controversy.
	Those actions taken during the emergency period to protect life
Emergency	and property, care for the people affected, and temporarily restore
Operations	essential community services.
Emergency	A centralized location from which emergency operations can be
Operations Center	directed and coordinated.
Operations Center	
Evnosuro vorsus	Exposure: Subjected to, or exposed to, a contaminant in an
Exposure versus contamination	unprotected or partially protected manner, but not necessarily
Containination	contaminated by an agent.
	Contamination: Contact with a hazardous or infective agent in an
	unprotected manner.  The functional exercise is an activity designed to test or evaluate.
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Functional Exercise	the capabilities of the disaster response system. It can take place
Functional Exercise	in the location where the activity might normally take place, such
	as the command center or incident command post. It can involve
	deploying equipment in a limited, function-specific capacity. This
	exercise is fully simulated with written or verbal messages.
	This type of exercise is intended to evaluate the operational
Full Scale Exercise	capability of emergency responders in an interactive manner over
Full Scale Exercise	a substantial period of time. It involves the testing of a major
	portion of the basic elements existing in the emergency
	operations plans and organizations in a stress environment.
	Personnel and resources are mobilized.
Hazardous material	A substance or combination of substances, which, because of
nazardous materiai	quantity, concentration, physical, chemical radiological, explosive,
	or infectious characteristics, poses a substantial present or
	potential danger to humans or the environment.
Hazardous material	Any release of a material capable of posing a risk to health, safety
incident	and property. Areas at risk include facilities that produce,
incident	process, transport or store hazardous material, as well as all sites
	that treat, store, and dispose of hazardous material.
Hospital Emergency	HEICS is an emergency management system that employs a
Incident Command	logical, unified management (command) structure, defined
	responsibilities, clear reporting channels, and a common
System (HEICS)	nomenclature to help unify hospitals with other emergency
	responders. Information on HEICS can be obtained through the
	California EMS Authority at 916-322-4336 or on the website at
	www.emsa.ca.gov.

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Incident Command System (ICS)	The nationally used standardized on-scene emergency management concept specifically designed to allow its user(s) to adopt an integrated organizational structure equal to the complexity and demand of single or multiple incident without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. ICS is the combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure, with the responsibility to management of resources to effectively accomplish stated objectives pertinent to an incident.
Joint Emergency Operations Center (JEOC)	The JEOC is a unified operations center for medical and health response to disasters. The JEOC is responsible for developing and implementing combined State-level medical and health policy, managing State-level medical and health response, procurement of medical and health resources, developing the State-level medical and health action plan and maintaining accurate information on the medical and health situation.
Local Emergency (State definition)	The duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, earthquake or other conditions which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of a political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.
Long-Term Care Facilities	A collective term for healthcare facilities designated for the care and treatment of patients or residents requiring rehabilitation or extended care for chronic conditions. The Department of Health Services, Licensing and Certification Division licenses these facilities.
Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC)  (Formerly known as OADMHC)	The OAC is responsible for coordinating mutual aid resource requests, facilitating the development of local medical/health response plans and implementing the medical/health plans during a disaster response. During a disaster, the OAC directs the medical/health branch of the Operational Area EOC and establishes priorities for medical/health response and requests. This coordinator was formerly known as the Operational Area Disaster Medical/Health Coordinator.
Operational Area	An intermediate level of the State emergency services organization, consisting of a county and all political subdivisions within the county.
Radio Amateur Civilian Emergency Services (RACES)	The RACES is a local or state government program established by a civil defense official. It becomes operational by: 1) appointing a Radio Officer, 2) preparing a RACES Plan, and 3) training and utilizing FCC licensed Amateur Radio operators. RACES (whether part of an ACS, or as a stand along unit) is usually attached to a state or local government's emergency preparedness office, or to a department designated by that office, such as the sheriff's, or communications department.

Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC)	The Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) is the first level facility of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to manage a disaster. The REOC provides an emergency support staff operating from a fixed facility, who are responsive to the needs of the operational areas and coordinates with the State Operations Center.
Regional Disaster Medical & Health Coordinator (RDMHC)	As prescribed in legislation, the principal function of the RDMHC during a disaster is to act as an agent of the State for the purpose of locating, mobilizing and deploying mutual aid resources at the request of State officials in support of mutual aid requests from other impacted regions.
Regional Disaster Medical & Health Specialist (RDMHS)	The RDMHS assists the State in the development of regional plans for the provision of medical and health mutual aid resources and coordinates intra-regional medical and health mutual aid in the event of a disaster within the region.
Response Information Management System (RIMS)	The Response Information Management System (RIMS) is an Internet based information management system and consists of a set of databases designed to collect information on the disaster situation, communicate action plans and request mission assignments. RIMS is accessed and utilized by operational areas, regional and State governmental agencies.
Shelter-in-Place	Shelter-In-Place: Nationally accepted term indicating the need to go or stay inside, close all sources of outside air and listen to instructions broadcast. It is the process of protecting yourself and your facility from the environmental hazards resulting from a chemical release. The pneumonic is: "Shelter-Shut & Listen".
Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)	SEMS is the emergency management system identified by Government code 8607 for managing emergency response to multi-agency or multi-jurisdictional operations. SEMS is based on the Incident Command system and is intended to standardize response to emergencies in California.
State Operations Center (SOC)	The SOC is established by OES to oversee, as necessary, the REOC, and is activated when more than one (1) REOC is opened. The SOC establishes overall response priorities, and coordinates with federal responders.
Status Codes	Green: Provider is able to carry out normal operational functions Yellow: Some reductions in patient services, but overall, provider is able to carry out normal operational functions Red: Significant reductions in-patient services. Emergency services only being provided.  Black: Provider has been severely affected. Unable to continue any services
Tabletop Exercise	An exercise that takes place in a classroom or meeting room setting. Situations and problems presented in the form of written or verbal questions generate discussions of actions to be taken based upon the emergency plan and standard emergency operating procedures. The purpose is to have participants practice problem solving and resolve questions of coordination and assignment in a non-threatening format, under minimal stress.



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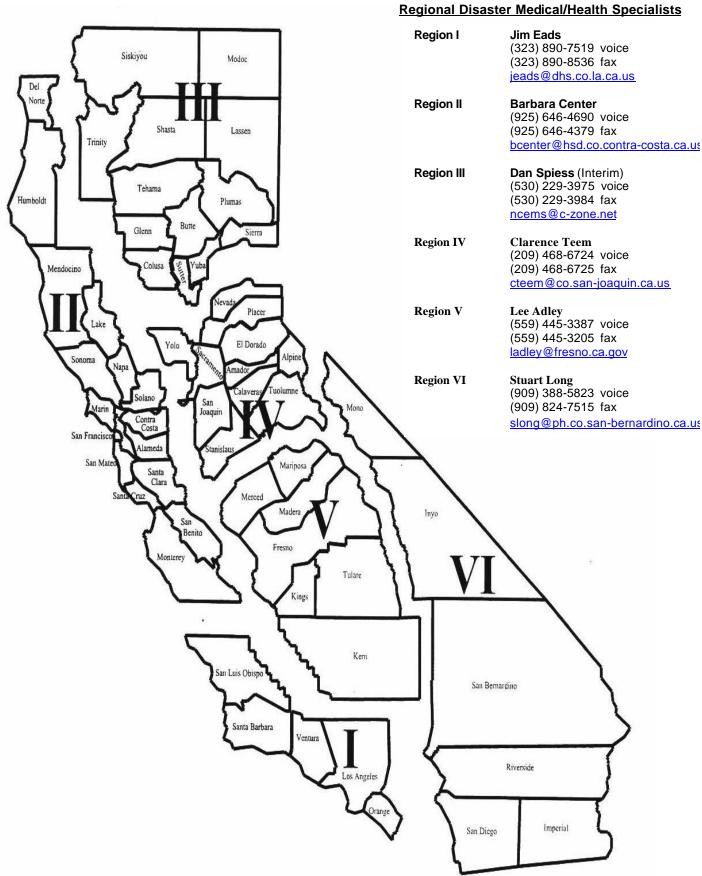
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# **OES Mutual Aid Regions**



# Auxiliary

# Communications

**Systems** 

**Forms** 



# **Use of ACS Forms**

As stated in the Executive Summary, these ACS forms are to be utilized to facilitate standardization of medical and health information and communication flow from the operational area to the region and region to the State during a disaster or in the event of communication failure. The forms included in this guidebook are not intended to replace forms, information or communication systems required by the operational area, medical-health branch.

The Auxiliary Communications Forms # ACS-001 and #ACS-002 are intended to be utilized when standard communications systems are not functioning, and information is conveyed through auxiliary communication systems. However, the data on these forms, based on the Response Information Management System (RIMS) fields, is critical information for the region and the State to receive from the operational area during a disaster. The ACS Planning Committee recommends that the operational area compile this data/information for communication to the region and state during all disasters, and not only when Auxiliary Communications Systems are utilized.

The **Initial Medical/Health Status Report** is recommended to be completed within two (2) hours after the event occurs. This form can be utilized for communication from the operational area to region and region to State reporting.

The **Expanded Medical/Health Status Report** is recommended to be completed regularly after the initial two hours of the event. This form can be utilized for communication from the operational area to region and region to State reporting.

On the reverse side of the Status Report forms is a key with definitions and a facility functional status decision tree. It is recommended that when these forms are printed (Xeroxed) that the key is printed on the back of the form to promote consistency.

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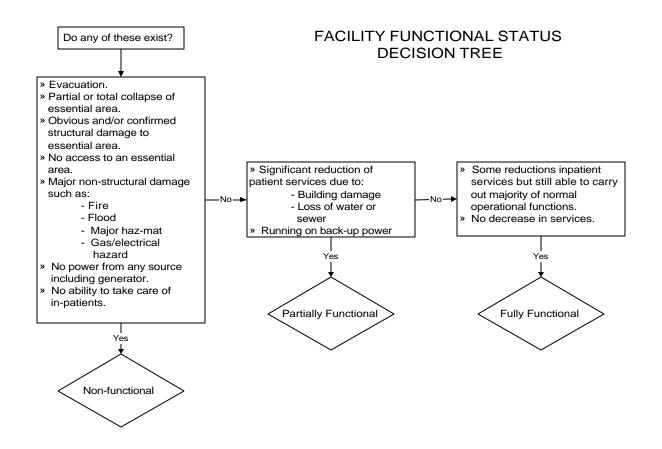
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# Expanded Medical/Health Status Report Form # ACS-002

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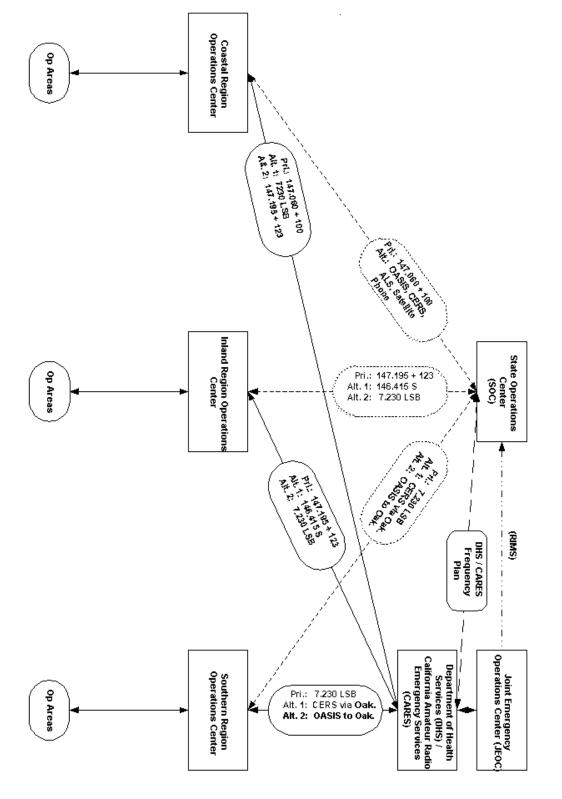


# **Key/Definitions**

Major Injury	An immediate threat to the patient's life or limb exists and medical intervention is require		
	immediately, excluding deaths.		
Minor Injury	No threat to the patient's life or limb exists and medical intervention is required within		
	24-48 hours		
Facility Functionality	Not Functional: Facility is critically damaged or affected. Unable to continue any		
	services and evacuation may be required.		
(Note: when entering	<u>Partially Functional</u> : Facility experiencing moderate to significant reductions in patient		
facility functionality, enter	services (significant building damage, loss of major utilities, inadequate emergency power).		
total numbers of hospitals,	<u>Fully Functional</u> : Facility may have minor reductions in patient services but is still able to		
not individual hospitals)	carry out majority of normal operational functions.		
Medical personnel	Includes physicians, nurses etc., environmental services, public health, clerical		
Medical supplies	Includes medical equipment, medical care supplies, water, food, generators, toilets etc.		
Medical transportation	Includes BLS and ALS transportation-both land and air, buses and other types of vehicles.		
Critical Issues	This section is used to summarize the most important medical and health problems/and or		
	issues confronting the OA. Enter information in summary form, be concise and brief.		
Medical/Surgical	The number of available beds can include any bed in the hospital that can accommodate/be		
	staffed for medical/surgical type patients. This number can include pediatric, OB/GYN		
	and telemetry beds.		
Auxiliary Communications	Auxiliary communication is a method of communication employed when standard		
	communications systems (telephones)fail. Examples of auxiliary communications can be		
	amateur radio, fax, RIMS, satellite phones, OASIS.		

# ACS Frequencies

# State of California Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) Network Plan





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